

TEMEL AND BUSBY END THE FAMINE

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Dulwich Hamlet 0, Wycombe Wanderers 2

GOALS FROM right-back Lou Temel and right-winger Viv Busby ended Wycombe's goal-famine after 404 minutes and helped steer Wanderers to an Isthmian League double over Dulwich Hamlet at Champion Hill on Saturday.

Both goals came as an obvious relief to a side struggling to find the net and having the added disadvantage of starting this particular match without the services of Len Worley whose crosses are more often life-blood to Horseman and Samuels.

Also, Julian Lailey was missing from the back four with Vince Faulkner deputising successfully and giving valuable cover to Rundle in the middle.

Tony Horseman, who has been sadly out of touch in the last four games, looked no happier in this match and appeared to be limping from the 35th minute onwards and his contribution, in the latter stages, reached nil. It could be argued with conviction that once Wanderers were ahead, Horseman should have been pulled out of the action to save any unnecessary damage to this nagging injury.

Wanderers lined up in a 4-2-4 style and immediately in-

MATCH DETAILS

Dulwich Hamlet: Butler; Smith, Russell; Booth, Gaydon, Shepherd; Powell, Swan, Simmons, O'Connell, Barnard.

Wycombe Wanderers: Maskell; Temel, Gale; Faulkner, Rundle, Thomas; Busby, Baker, Samuels, Horseman, Thompson.

Corners: Dulwich 3, Wycombe 13.

Free kicks (conceded): Dulwich 10, Wycombe 11.

Referee: Mr. K. D. Fraulin.

introduced a new tactical ploy to their game. For each corner Wycombe gained, centre-half Ian Rundle left his defensive duties and moved into the opponents' goal-mouth to take up a position on the line.

Operation

This operation is based out to create havoc in the goal-mouth and to make it difficult for the 'keeper to follow the flight of the ball or leave his line to take the corner. Without a doubt this strategy is one of the game's hottest controversies of the moment, especially in the

pro. ranks, where Jackie Charlton of Leeds United has caused many arguments about the validity of this move. It remains to be seen what reaction comes from the amateur clubs.

Both teams enjoyed a fair proportion of the first-half exchanges and it was a pity that Wanderers were unable to assert more pressure on 'keeper Butler as his handling was far from confident.

Just as it appeared that Wanderers would have to troop into the dressing-room at half-time, still not having scored, they forced a freak-goal in the



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scored the second

44th minute. This lucky breakthrough materialised from nothing and can be attributed only to a combined effort by the Dulwich defence.

Russell, under no pressure, tried to find 'keeper Butler and only succeeded in conceding a corner. Thomas' kick was cleared some 40 yards from goal by the Dulwich defence, straight to Temel, who instantly pumped a fierce drive towards goal. As the Dulwich defence advanced, in order to try and catch a Wycombe forward off-side, the ball struck Swan on the shoulder and swirled over the stranded Butler and into the top left-hand corner. Wanderers were in complete command of the last 45 minutes and it is significant that while they forced nine corners Wycombe were unable to score from any of them. It is this lack of penetration which is beginning to worry Loakes Park patrons.

In fact, for all Wycombe's mid-field mastery, in which Thompson's distribution was sadly out of touch, Wanderers could force only the one goal in the second half which came in the 69th minute — 60 seconds after Keith Samuels had a goal ruled out for offside. Butler could only parry Baker's smart shot and from the rebound Busby swayed to his left and calmly pushed the ball in.